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Applicant : John Eugene Merkley, Jr.

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Title : INTEGRATED FINANCIAL PROCESSING SYSTEM

AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Moline, IL 61265

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Commissioner for Patents

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Amendment In Reply to Office Action, dated 4/27/2009

Sir

In reply to the Office Action, dated 4/27/2009, and in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time to extend the time for reply from 7/27/09 to 8/27/09 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the Director or Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 04-0525 the applicable fee of \$ 130 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.